Development of Agro and Rural Industries

887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of agro and rural industries in the country;

(b) whether there exists a lot of potential to develop agro and rural industries in the country; and

(c) if so, the schemes for development of these industries in view of the existing potential?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) A statement indicating the projects financed under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the KVIC to set rural industries including agro industries and the consequent generation of employment opportunities as on 31.03.2002 is enclosed as statement (*see* below). Under this Scheme, 14.42 lakhs jobs have been created and 1,40,481 projects (provisional) have been financed upto 31.03.2002. The production in the Khadi and Village Industries Sector during last three years is as under:

Year	Rs in lakhs
1999-2000	616534.51
2000-2001	692326.35
2001-2002	755152.25

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With a view to tapping the vast potential to develop agro and rural industries in the country, the government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and State Khadi Boards are implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country for the development of Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries. Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physically Handicapped/Ex-

Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's cobtribution is at least 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector banks, Regional Rural Banks etc.

In view of the crying need to generate additional employment and the successful experience of the programme so far, it has been decided to continue the programme during the 10th Plan period *i.e.* upto 31.03.2007, as well. The target set for the 10th Plan is to generate an additional employment opportunities for 2.0 million persons with a proposed investment of Rs. 1250 crores.

Moreover, for strengthening the Khadi and Village Industries sector, a special package was announced by the Government on 14.5.2001, which is under different phases of implementation. The Package *inter-alia* provides for Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, option between rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building and cluster development, technology upgradation, quality control, marketing through publicity and advertisement etc.

Statement

Statewise project financed and employment as on 31.03.2002 (provisional) under REGP

S.No.	States/Union Territories	Projects financed	Employment (persons in lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9955	1.37
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	317	0.03
3.	Assam	425	0.07

1	2	3	4
4.	Bihar	529	0.04
5.	Goa	1931	0.15
6.	Gujarat	682	0.04
7.	Haryana	3509	0.54
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1068	0.19
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5754	0.41
10.	Karnataka	10326	0.85
11.	Kerala	5592	0.62
12.	Madhya Pradesh	16779	1.44
13.	Maharashtra	16805	1.42
14.	Manipur	623	0.11
15.	Meghalaya	2784	0.20
16.	Mizoram	732	0.08
17.	Nagaland	4665	0.94
18.	Orissa	1467	0.14
19.	Punjab	7363	0.72
20.	Rajasthan	20365	1.87
21.	Sikkim	18	*
22.	Tamil Nadu	3484	0.31
23.	Tripura	48	0.05
24.	Uttar Pradesh	11704	1.70
25.	West Bengal	11416	0.83
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	162	*
27.	Chandigarh	139	0.01
28.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	8	*
29.	Delhi	203	0.03
30.	Lakshadweep	01	*
31.	Pondicherry	899	0.11

1	2	3	4
32.	Chhattisgarh	197	0.08
33.	Jharkhand	218	0.01
34.	Uttaranchal	313	0.06
	TOTAL:	140481	14.42

*Less than 500.

Major produce comes from Khadi, pottery, lime manufacturing, handmade paper, bamboo and cane products, Ghani, oil, Canegur and Khadsari, Palmgur, Food Processing, Soap, Leather products, polymers, gas, rural engineering and service sector.

Of the total employment, 34 were SC/ST and 40% Women

Exports of around Rs. 20.59 crores (P) in 2001-2002.

Corruption in PMRY

888. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of fraud companies operating in the Capital which claim that they can get loans under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is open corruption under this scheme and that the officers connected to the same scheme are bribed by such companies for loan allotment;

(c) whether Government intend to unearth this racket and clean the Rozgar Yojana to help deserving unemployed candidates; and

(d) if so, by when Government intend to make their first move in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has informed that no such incident/complaint has come to the notice of the Department of Industries, Government of Delhi so far under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY).